

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nobuko Yamamoto

Application : 09/942,003

For : AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE, AUTHENTICATION
CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE SYSTEM AND AUTHENTICATION
SYSTEM

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Examiner : Christina O. Sherr

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on January 16, 2007, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

- 1) **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this Amendment.
- 2) **Remarks** begin on page 17 of this Amendment.